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## SRCAF NOTES – JULY 2002

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### RIVER PUBLIC RECREATION ACCESS STUDY UPDATE

■~A Public Recreation Access Study has been initiated to assess existing public recreation access uses, needs and opportunities on lands along the Middle Sacramento River between Colusa and Red Bluff. This project is being funded by a CALFED grant awarded jointly to The Nature Conservancy, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. EDAW, an environmental planning firm, was hired to conduct the study which will incorporate information gathered from land managers and the public, including recreation users and residents.

■~The main goals of the study are to: 1) characterize existing public access uses, needs and opportunities associated with public recreation facilities and infrastructure; 2) identify potential new opportunities for public access; and 3) identify opportunities for better coordinated management between the various agencies responsible for managing public lands along the river corridor.

■~Information gathering will occur through interviews with facility managers and user groups during the months of July and August and through public meetings in the fall, with the final report being completed by December 2002. People who have an interest in or concerns with recreation access along the Sacramento River are encouraged to participate in this process. Please contact David Rolloff, a Senior Recreation Planner with EDAW, for further information. David may be contacted by telephone, (530) 533-7978, or email, [RolloffD@edaw.com](mailto:RolloffD@edaw.com).



## **SRCAF Board Meeting – June 27, 2002**

### **Chair~ Ben Carter**

The June meeting of the SRCAF Board of Directors was held at Woodson Bridge in the Tehama County River Park. Boat tours were available prior to the meeting to tour the Sacramento River and Kopta Slough. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS) were also on hand to provide site visits to the Rio Vista restoration area.

- The Board meeting opened at 4:00 p.m. with public participation followed by the election of officers: Chair ~ Jane Dolan, Butte County Public Interest representative ~ Vice Chair, Don Anderson, Glenn County Landowner ~ Secretary/Treasurer, Dan Silva, Sutter County Public Interest representative.
- Representatives from the California Department of Fish & Game (DF&G) discussed a partnership formed with The Nature Conservancy to develop a management plan for lands owned by DF&G. They will be outlining ways to involve the public in the process; they hope to have the plan completed by June 2003. This will be a DF&G document, they will be responsible for it and the CEQA document. Ernie Ohlin, Tehama County Flood Control, discussed the River Vista Project, a collaborative effort between Tehama County, TNC, and F&WS to look at the possibility of restoring the drains to help alleviate flood issues at South Avenue.
- The Board voted to adopt the amendments that would: Remove the outer boundary of the Conservation Area, confine it to the Inner River Zone, with the exception of Shasta and Tehama Counties; continue to coordinate with activities outside of the Inner River Zone that relate to the Inner River Zone. The Board also voted to accept revisions to the Handbook language as a result of these amendments. As the acreages in the tables are updated there will be additional language revisions, the Board will review these as additional information is generated.
- Committee Reports ~ The draft Good Neighbor Policy, Rev. 7.5, a product of the Landowner Assurances Committee is out for review. The

PILT/Econ Committee is looking at how the various counties receive and distribute PILT. In addition to the discussion at the June TAC meeting, Kelly Williams from the Bureau of Land Management has been invited to the August SRCAF Board meeting to discuss the possible designation of 17,000 acres in Shasta and Tehama Counties as a National Conservation Area.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m. and the evening concluded with a barbequed salmon and tri-tip dinner.

**A special thanks to Stacy Cepello, Adam Henderson, Allison Groom, John Lance, and Kelly Allen from the Department of Water Resources for all their efforts and to Mel Dodgin and Dan Silva for their expertise at the barbeque grills!**

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\*Reminder ~ The revised Handbook reflecting the 2001 amendments has been posted to the SRCAF website. The changes prompted by the 2002 amendments are in process and are almost completed. The revised Handbook, Rev. 2002, will be uploaded as soon as all the changes are incorporated and reviewed.



**Kopta Slough**

~The Econ/PILT Committee, chaired by Denny Bungarz, has been looking at several issues related to the Payment-In-Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. The PILT program, administered by the Bureau of Land Management, is supposed to reimburse counties for services provided to federal land that does not generate taxes. An extremely complicated issue, three key questions exist: (1) are federal funds distributed to the states properly? (2) is the state distributing funds to the counties properly? and (3) are the counties allocating the funds correctly? Because of changes in the state/county relationship when Prop. 13 was enacted, some of the PILT money may not be coming to the

rural counties where the services are provided. In addition, Congress never allocates full funds for PILT in the budget. Because several larger groups are actively working on this issue, the Committee agreed the best role for the SRCAF is to support those groups and provide key information for local jurisdictions.

~An update from Alex Oehler, Representative Wally Herger's office, indicated BLM's PILT program was given an additional \$10 million. The increase brings PILT to \$230 million, which is \$20 million above FY '02, \$10 million more than the Senate recommended and \$65 million above Bush's earmark.



~Future TAC/SRCAF Board and Committee Meetings~

- ~The next **TAC** meeting will be August 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at the Willows City Hall
- ~The next **SRCAF Board** meeting will be August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Monday Afternoon Club, 120 N. Lassen, Willows
- ~The **PILT/Economic** Committee will meet on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m., Glenn County Department of Finance Conference Room, Willows
- ~The **Landowner Assurances Committee** will meet on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m., Colusa Fair Board office, Colusa.

